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Serial No.: **09/544,274**

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For: **Apparatus and Method for  
Deletion of Objects from an Object-  
Relational System in a Customizable  
and Database Independent Manner**

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